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SUBJ: TOAST OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AT LUNCHEON

BY THE GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN, AT

SCHLOSS CHARLOTTENBURG, BERLIN,

MAY 21, 1975

REF: US BERLIN 985

CORRECTED TEXT OF SUBJECT TOAST FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: MR. GOVERNING MAYOR, MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN:

I APPRECIATE YOUR ELOQUENT WORDS AND WARM WELCOME. I HAVE BEEN
COMING TO BERLIN AT INFREQUENT BUT REGULAR INTERVALS SINCE
1946. IN GENERAL I HAVE COME FROM A WESTERLY DIRECTION, WHERE
PEOPLE SOMETIMES FEEL THE NEED OF REASSESSMENT AND ARE
INCLINED TO PULL OUT THEIR TREES TO SEE IF THE
ROOTS ARE STILL THERE.

THIS CITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO ME
IN DIFFICULT AS WELL AS CALM TIMES, BECAUSE BERLIN
HAS ALWAYS KNOWN WHERE THE FUNDAMENTAL VALUES WERE
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AHD HAS ALWAYS KNOWN THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FREEDOM

AND TERROR, AND HAS ALWAYS KNOW THAT THERE ARE
CERTAIN CONCESSIONS THAT CANNOT BE MADE.

THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WEST HAS
FOUND ITS MAJOR EXPRESSION IN BERLIN, POLITICALLY
AND STRATEGICALLY. AS YOU SAID, BERLIN IS REALLY IN
AN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION, BUT MORALLY AND POLITICALLY
WE KNOW--BECAUSE WE ARE REMINDED OF THIS FACT
EVERY DAY BY THE EXISTENCE OF BERLIN--THAT THERE
ARE THINGS WHICH ARE OF FUNDAMENTAL VALUE EVEN
THOUGH THEY CANNOT BE MEASURED BY A COMPUTER.

ONE OF THESE THINGS IS THE FREEDOM OF BERLIN.
WERE THIS TO BE IMPAIRED, THE FREEDOM AND THE
SELF-RESPECT OF THE WEST WOULD RECEIVE A BLOW
FROM WHICH IT COULD PROBABLY NOT RECOVER.

YOUR COURAGE IS AN INSPIRATION FOR US.
OUR COMMITMENT TO BERLIN IS PARTLY LEGAL. BUT
NEITHER IN THE UNITED STATES NOR IN ANY COUNTRY
OF THE WEST IS BERLIN CALLED INTO QUESTION.

OUR FATE IS INDIVISIBLE. WE NEED YOUR COURAGE
AND DETERMINATION JUST AS MUCH AS YOU NEED OUR
SUPPORT. THAT IS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ME TO BE ABLE
TO VISIT YOU NOW AFTER SOME DIFFICULT TIMES IN
AMERICA WHICH, HOWEVER, HAVE NOT CAUSED OUR
CONTRIBUTION TO THE SECURITY OF THE WORLD, THE PEACE
OF THE WORLD TO LESSEN. THE PEACE OF THE WORLD HAS
BEEN MAINTAINED DUE TO THIS AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION.
I THANK YOU ALSO ON BEHALF OF MRS. KISSINGER FOR
YOUR WARM RECEPTION IN THE SPIRIT OF THE BERLINERS.

I RAISE MY GLASS TO THE GOVERNING MAJOR AND
FRAU SHUETZ AND TO THE PEOPLE OF BERLIN. UNQUOTE.
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